

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 61 (canceled)

62. (previously presented) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for notifying a family of users d m a non-operating area of a wireless network, said method steps comprising:

providing a database of non-operating areas of the wireless network;

one of the users entering a trip route in a computing system in the one user's vehicle;

said vehicle querying the database to download the map for dead zones in the trip route; and

comparing the trip route with the map for dead zones.

63. (Original) A program storage device readable by machine as recited in claim 62, said method steps further comprising recommending a changed route having a reduced area of dead zones.

64. (Original) A program storage device readable by machine as recited in claim 63, wherein the changed route is shown on a G.P.S. screen in the vehicle.

65. (previously presented) A program storage device readable by machine as recited in claim 62, said method steps further comprising querying the G.P.S. system and providing a warning signal to the user indicating that the vehicle is approaching a dead zone.

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66. (previously presented) A program storage device readable by machine as recited in claim 62, wherein the warning signal includes an audible alarm.

67. (previously presented) A method for notifying a family of users of dead zones in a wireless network:

providing a database of non-operating areas of the wireless network forming dead zones;

one of said users entering a trip route into a system within a vehicle;

said vehicle querying the database to download a map showing any dead zones in the trip route; and

comparing the trip route with the map for dead zones.

68. (Original) A method as recited in claim 67, further comprising recommending a changed route having a reduced area of dead zones.

69. (Original) A method as recited in claim 68, wherein the changed route is shown on a G.P.S. screen in the vehicle.

70. (Original) A method as recited in claim 67, further comprising activating a warning signal to the one user when the vehicle is approaching a dead zone.

71. (Original) A method as recited in claim 70, wherein the warning signal includes an audible signal.

72. (Original) A method as recited in claim 67, further comprising the one user making a database query of network reception dead zones, and a network management

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station responding and determining if the one user is in or near a dead zone, and notifying the one user when the step of determining locates the user in or near a dead zone.

73. (Original) A method as recited in claim 72, wherein the network management station can inform the user of an appropriate step to take to maintain connectivity.

Claims 74 - 84 (canceled)

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